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Out of your pockets and into theirs

To the Editor:

When this Congress talks about change, they mean the kind of change they want to take out of your pocket and put into their pockets. Last week, career politicians in Washington gave themselves a \$3,000 pay raise on top of the \$133,673 minimum salary they currently take home. To make matters worse, congressional leaders are trying to disguise the raise. A spokesperson for House Speaker Newt Gingrich declared, "It's not a pay raise. It's a cost-of-living adjustment. That's a different thing." How can members of Congress possibly tell their constituents that another \$3,000 a year is not a pay raise?

This vote shows the clear difference between short-term citizen legislators and long-term

career politicians. Nearly nine out of ten congressmen who have limited themselves to three terms voted against the pay raise. Furthermore, 63 percent of members who have served only three terms or less voted against the pay raise, while 72 percent of longer-term members voted for it.

What a clear example that too many long-term members of Congress are more interested in cashing in on a career in Washington than in listening to the people. Instead of representing us, they represent themselves. You can find out how your member of Congress voted on the pay raise by calling U.S. Term Limits at 800-733-6440.

(s) Paul Jacob
Executive Director,
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Washington, D.C.

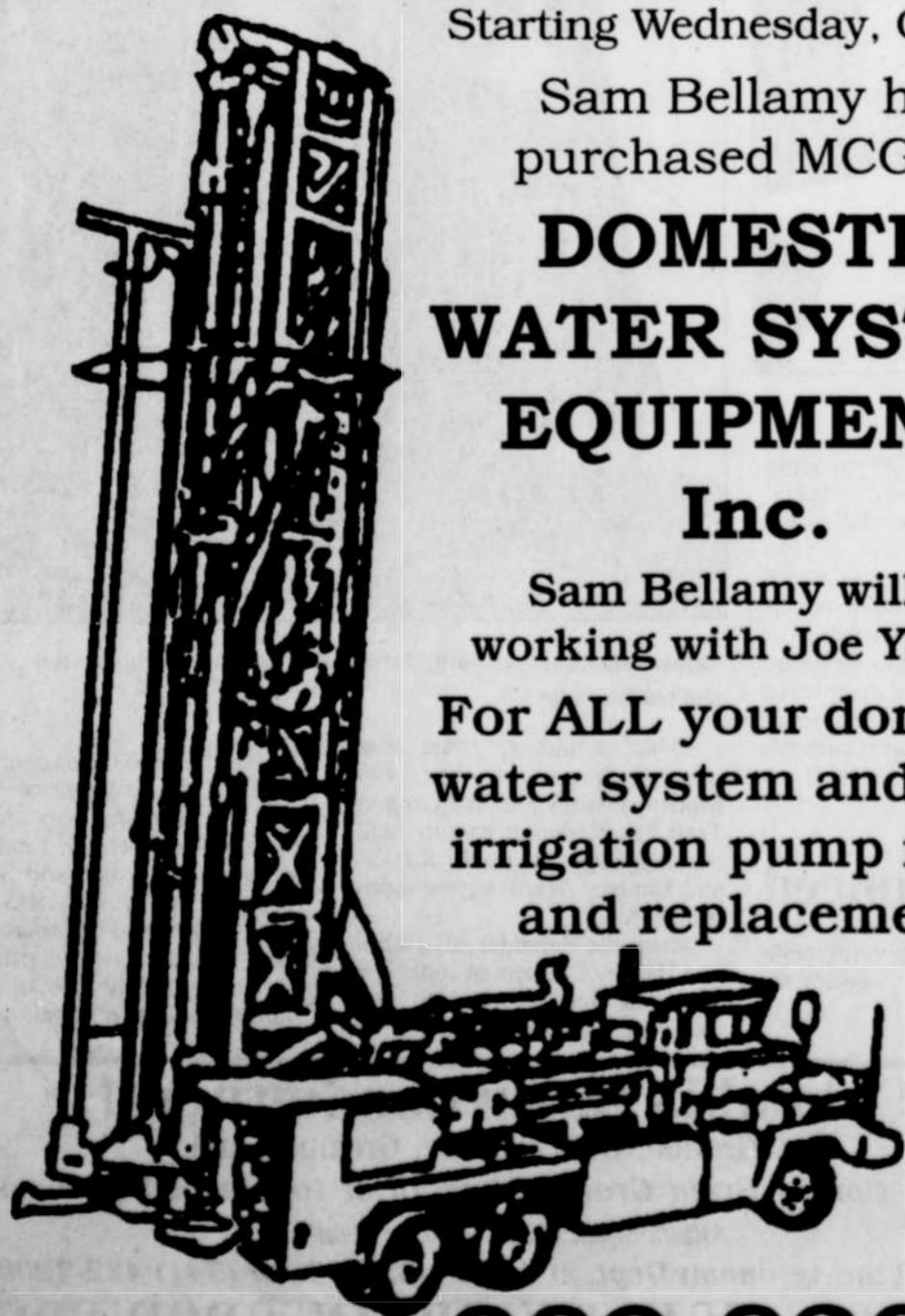
MC SWCD meeting slated, Oct. 7

A regular board meeting of the Morrow SWCD/Weed Advisory Board will be held Tuesday, October 7, at 1 p.m. at the Pettyjohn Office Building in Heppner. Agenda items include EQIP

(Environmental Quality Incentive Program), CRP (Conservation Reserve Program), manager report, agency reports and other business. The meeting is open to the public.

FOOT PAIN?

Dr. Donald Carlson, podiatric foot and ankle specialist, will be at the Pioneer Memorial Clinic October 8 for the diagnosis and treatment of all foot problems.
Call now: 676-5504 or Hermiston Clinic 567-8750



Starting Wednesday, Oct. 1st
Sam Bellamy has purchased MCGG's
DOMESTIC WATER SYSTEM EQUIPMENT, Inc.
Sam Bellamy will be working with Joe Yocom.
For ALL your domestic water system and small irrigation pump repair and replacement.

Call Sam at: **989-8202**

Ione Booster Club holds meeting

The Ione Booster Club sponsored a hamburger feed Monday, September 29, at the Ione cafeteria. The evening was planned to inform the public what Booster Club has done for Ione Schools and to get the community involved in club activities.

Cindy Burrigh, club president, welcomed everyone and introduced the 1997-98 officers. Secretary Del LaRue read the minutes of the last meeting and gave a financial report.

Burrigh explained the projects Ione Booster Club has helped finance over the years. Corey Bennetto modeled the football pants the club purchased last year and Niki Sullivan and Nikki McElligott modeled the volleyball shirts the club helped finance. The junior high girls' volleyball team held a car wash to buy new uniforms and the club pledged money to pay the remainder of the cost if needed.

It was reported by Dean Robinson that the outdoor bleachers need some new boards and need to be painted. Because the shop class is mostly technology they will not be able to handle the repair work. Robin Graff offered to organize the repair project and several students volunteered to help.

Jim Swanson gave an update on the suit against the Recreation District, and the importance of the county booster clubs in helping support school projects.

Betty Gray, owner of Beecher's Cafe, was recognized for her contributions to the club. The state championship signs in memory of her husband, Gale Gray, will soon be placed on the outskirts of town. Joe McElligott will recruit volunteers for that effort.

The booster club will sponsor a steak feed as a money-maker during the Echo game on October 9. Volunteers were recruited to help with the set up, serving, and clean up. Several people offered to donate rolls. Jim Swanson will order the steaks. Beecher's Cafe will provide the salad and dressing. Potatoes will be donated by Montie Crum. The dinner will start at 5 p.m. and will cost \$6 per plate.

The club will provide concessions for the October 23 volleyball game against Arlington and the Heppner C team.

Due to the Echo game being on the regular meeting date, October 9, the next meeting of the Ione Booster Club will be November 13 at 8 p.m. at Beecher's Cafe.

St. William's class culminates study with trip

St. William's Catholic Church catechism classes culminated a month of studying the rosary by making a trip to the Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center in Stevenson, Washington. There they viewed what is believed to be the world's largest rosary collection--3,953 rosaries covering 384 square feet of display space.

The rosaries were the obsession of the late Donald Brown, a Skamania County resident, whose collection increases even after his death. The collection grows yearly by 50 to 100 rosaries, sent by visitors and people who hear about the exhibit.

Brown began his collection in 1917 when he was hospitalized with pneumonia. The head nurse gave him her rosary and he was hooked. He gathered prayer beads from all over, carefully cataloging each by donor, material and place of origin and displayed them in his home for visitors to see.

The rosaries come in all colors and are fashioned of bone, ceramics, gems, glass, metal, plants, plastic, seeds, shells, rifle bullets and even melted down noses from World War II bombers. In place of the crucifixes on some rosaries the students discovered hearts, crystals, tassels, medallions, and even skeletons. The largest rosary is 16 feet and made from painted foam balls. The display includes a rosary donated by John F. Kennedy and 39 rosaries draped to form an American flag.

A computer enabled the students to call up details on any rosary by catalog number, donor, country and material. The rosaries are carefully displayed in climate-controlled, theft-proof cases.

Students making the trip were Adam and Meghan McCabe, Aaron Tworek, Caitlin Orem, Clay and Beth Morter, William and Whitney Wehri, and Salli, Colin, Diana, Natalie, and Taylor McElligott. Adult chaperones were Patty McNary, Anne Morter, Lucy Tworek, and Joe and Jeri McElligott. The group was treated to ice cream by St. William's Altar Society on the trip home.



Back: Adam McCabe, Lucy Tworek, Patty McNary; third row-Anne Morter, Taylor McElligott, Aaron Tworek, Collin McElligott, Diana McElligott, Caitlin Orem; second row-Salli McElligott, Natalie McElligott, Meghan McCabe; and front row-Clay Morter, William and Whitney Wehri, Beth Morter.



William Wehri (left), Beth Morter, Whitney Wehri

Obituary

Florence M. Gray

Florence M. Gray, 82, of Heppner, died Tuesday, September 23, 1997, at Pioneer Memorial Nursing Home.

Graveside funeral for Miss Gray was held Friday, September 26, 1997 at the Hermiston Cemetery.

Florence M. Gray was born January 25, 1915, at Elgin, to Gene and Mabel Davis Gray. She was raised at Social Ridge near Lexington and attended school there. She lived at Stanfield for a time but had been a resident of the Heppner/Lexington area most of her life.

She enjoyed flowers and gardening, crocheting and embroidery, animals and working puzzle books.

Survivors include a sister, Faye Ruhl of Lexington, and brothers, Merritt Gray of Heppner and Robert Gray of Creswell.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pioneer Memorial Hospital Nursing Home, P.O. Box 9, Heppner, OR 97836. Sweeney Mortuary of Heppner was in charge of arrangements.

Marriage Licenses

The Morrow County Clerk's office at the courthouse in Heppner reports issuing the following marriage licenses during the past week:

Clinton John Finley, 23, Boardman; and Kimberly Michelle Bedortha, 20, Boardman.



Caitlin Orem (left) and Meghan McCabe with altar that is part of rosary collection

Ione Youth Group hold meeting

The Ione Ecumenical Youth Group met Thursday, September 18, at the United Church of Christ (UCC). Twenty-one high school students came to enjoy a pizza dinner and learn about the planned fall activities.

The Rev. Isa Brown told the group about the upcoming Spanish service planned at UCC. Matthew Nelson and Steve and Elizabeth Allen will show slides and talk about last summer's service trip to Ecuador.

Cathy Halvorsen asked the group to help with the Jason Halvorsen Scholarship Bazaar October 11. Students volunteered to set up the hall, make caramel apples, sell raffle tickets and work in the kitchen selling soup

and pie. Youth group members were asked to donate two pies per family to this event.

Other activities for fall include the food drive in November and the annual money maker, selling Christmas trees. There will also be a service trip to Burnside, possibly after Christmas.

Jessica and Shelby Krebs offered to make refreshments for the next meeting. Jeri McElligott asked youth group members to check the bulletin board at school for upcoming activities and meeting dates.

Willow Creek Baptist Church
Come Share With Us At
Worship Service at 3 p.m.
Meeting in the 7th-day Adventist Church
560 North Minor

Bridal Tables
Andrea Ball &
Andy Fletcher
Reception Oct. 18
Kimberly Bedortha &
Clint Finley
Wedding, Oct. 4
Murray's Drug
Country Road